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Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office
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Attn: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon
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Subject: Comments Concerning "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a
Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-
Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV. "
(64FR44200, dated August 13, 1999)

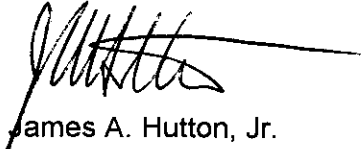
Dear Madam:

This letter is being submitted in response to the Department of Energy's (DOE) request for comments concerning the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV.," which was published in the Federal Register (i.e., 64FR44200, dated August 13, 1999). The DOE has prepared this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended (NWPA), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations that implement the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the DOE procedures implementing NEPA (10 CFR Part 1021). The Draft EIS provides information on potential environmental impacts that could result from a Proposed Action to construct, operate and monitor, and eventually close a repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The Draft EIS also considers the potential environmental impacts from an alternative referred to as No-Action Alternative, under which a repository would not be developed at Yucca Mountain.

PECO Energy appreciates the opportunity to comment on the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV." PECO Energy supports the comments submitted on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, by the Nuclear Energy Institute. |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hutton", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

James A. Hutton, Jr.
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